



A DESCRIPTION OF the Multitude of Christians in the World.



HEREAS some pretend that all the Christians in the World, are subject to the Pope of Rome, but onely a few Protestants dwelling in a Corner of Europe, I purpose to set downe the great multitude of Christians in the world.

In EUROPE are foure sorts of Christians as first the Protestants who inhabite the Kingdomes of England and Scotland being 1836 miles in compasse, and Ireland conueyning 400 miles in length, and about 200. miles in breadth: The Kingdome of Denmarke with the great Islands thereunto belonging; The Kingdome of Norway being in length about 1300. miles, and about halfe so much, in breadth: The Kingdome of Sweden bigger then France and Italie Halfe the Netherlands, More then halfe of Switzerland and of the Grisons Country. The most part of Germany all the temporall Princes of note being of late Protestants except Bavaria and Cleve. A great part of the Kingdome of Poland. In France the Protestants had at the conference a Poissie 2150. Churches. In a manner the Protestants have all Transilvania. And also they live mingled with Papists in Hungaria, Austria, Bohemia, Piemount and other places.

2. The Papists inhabit Spaine, being in compasse 1893 miles, Italie being about 900 miles in length from Vales in Piemont to Capo Bianco in Calabria, and in breadth from the Adryaticke Sea to the Ligurian shore 240 miles growing narrower in breadth till it shut it selfe into two hornes either of which are not above 14. miles in breadth. France mingled with Protestants as before being about 10 leagues square in which is reckoned Loraine, Savoy, Piemont and Geneva. The greater part of Poland. Some part of Germany, Halfe the Netherlands One third of Switzerland and

They allow not private Masse, in Italy
keene not the Cup the Sym-
seven Sacraments, 10. They divide it selfe from the Communion

In the Citie of *Caire* onely are thought to be 200000 Christians, *St. Marke* was the first Bishop of *Alexandria* and now *Gelasius* is their Patriarch a learned and an holy man. 2. The *Abassin* Christians who inhabit many great Kingdomes in *Ethiopia* who have an *Abunna* or Patriarch of their owne, and live under their Christian Emperor of *Ethiopia*: their late *Abunna* was called *Marke* a Reverend aged Prelate.

There are also some few Christians in *Congo* and *Angola* and some other parts in *Africa*.

In *America* there are some Christians both Papists and Protestants. The King of *Spaine* is said to have a sixth part thereof.

These Christians although they are called by severall names, according to their severall habitations and dwellings, yet they having one God, one faith, one Baptisme; They make one Catholicke visible Church, and are members of one body, whereof Iesus Christ is the head and branches of that olive tree wherof Christ is the root. But the Church of *Rome* is false from her pristine estate. And as the *Donatists* falling first from the unitie of the Catholicke Church fell also into this hereticall opinion, to wit,

that the Catholicke Church was no where else to be found but onely in that Corner of *Africa* where they dwelt: So the Romanists are false from the Vnity of the Church, and affirme the Catholicke Church to be onely in *Rome* and in the Countries subject to the Pope.

Also the Pope their head, listeth himselfe up above all Bishops, Kings, Emperors, & the whole Church of God, & exalteth himselfe as a God, in making new Articles of faith, and his owne words and definitions of equall authoritie with Gods word, in delivering Soules out of Purgatory, in dispensing with Gods lawes, in controuling and judging of all men, himselfe to be judged of none; yea moreover he excommunicates for heretickes and Schismatickes these Churches, and putteth them in the state of damnation, some of which being for extent more large then the Church of *Rome* in *Europe*, for time more ancient, for worship more pure, for faith more sound, for profession more constant, many of these Christians suffering greivous persecutions for IESVS CHRISTES sake which they might quit themselves of, if they would renounce their Saviour: The Church of *Rome* in this her doing manifesteth her selfe to be a branch broken off by pride, and al-

and some Islands in *Europe*. The *Turke* alloweth the *Christians* the libertie of their religion they paying a Tribute.

In *Asia* are the Christians.

1. Vnder the Patriarch of *Hierusalem* who live mingled with *Turkes*, the Patriarch hath had 101. Bishops under him, *St. James* was the first Bishop there. 2. Vnder the Patriarch of *Antioch* who hath had 142. Bishops under him, these Christians are called *Nestorians* and are one of the greatest sort of Christians in the orient, their first Bishop was *St. Peter* and the Disciples were first called Christians there.

3. The *Armenians*. In *Cardinall Baronius* annals you may read of 1000. *Armenian* Bishops as they live Chiefly in *Armenia* the greater, and the lesser where their two Patriarchs reside, so also in manie cities of great trading both in *Asia*, *Africa*, and *Europe*. *Armenia* the greater was converted by *St. Bartholomew*. 4. The *Iacobites* who inhabit a great part of *Asia*, and other places mingled with *Mahometans*, their Patriarch keepeth residence at *Carame* the Metropolis of *Mesopotamia*, they were converted by *St. Mathew*. 5. Vnder the Patriarch of *Mocha* who inhabit mingled with *Mahometans* and *Pagans* a great part of the orient: for besides the Countries of *Babylon*, *Assyria*, *Mesopotamia*, *Parthia*, and *Media*, wherein very many of these Christians are found, they are scattered farre and neere in the East, both Northerly in *Cataya* and Southerly in *India*; these Christians are reported to be more then the Papists. 6. The *Georgians* in *Iberia* Who have 18. Bishops under their Metropolitan or Patriarch. 7. The *Circassians*. 8. The *Mengrellians*. 9. The Christians of all *Asia* the lesse (except the *Cilicians* and *Isaurians*) subject to the Patriarch of *Constantinople*. 10. The Christians in the Kingdomes of *Cazan* and *Astracan* and other Countries in *Asia* under the Patriarch of *Mosco*. The Christians under the said Patriarch inhabit in *Europe* and *Asia* a greater extent of land then all *Europe*. 11. The *Maronites*. 12. The *Inhabitants* of *St. Thome*: some of these two last have Communion with the Pope.

In *Africa* the Christians.

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